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- B. AMMAN 1347
- C. AMMAN 897
- D. AMMAN 830
- E. AMMAN 1241
- 1. POST DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT, IN ADDITION TO THIS CABLE, THERE ARE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE SUBMISSIONS WHICH NEED BE MADE FROM FIELD IN PREPARATION FOR A VISIT TO JORDAN. SINCE MOST OF THE ABOVE WERE IN HAND WELL BEFORE CURRENT VISIT, WE ASSUME THEY WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARATIONS. ALL REMAIN VALID EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE PREPARED FOR LAST VISIT, SUBJECT TO COMMENTS BELOW:
- 2. REF (A) DISCUSSES JORDAN'S GENERAL POSTURE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS. REF (B) PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO SYRIA AND JORDAN IN PARTICULAR.
- 3. REF (C) DISCUSSES JORDAN DOMESTIC SCENE. WE HAVE NO COMMENTS TO ADD.
- 4. REF (D) REVIEWS NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES, SOME OF SECRET

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WHICH DISCUSSED AT AQABA. REF (E) PROVIDES SUGGESTIONS

GROWING OUT OF STATEMENT BY SECRETARY AT AQABA THAT HE WISHED AGAIN TO REVIEW QUESTIONS OF PL-480 AND AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE.

5. ON PL-480 WE WOULD HOPE THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT BY TIME HE ARRIVES IN JORDAN THAT A POSITIVE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE FULL 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT REQUESTED FOR THE QUARTER, ALONG LINES OPTION CONTAINED IN PARA 4(B) OF REFTEL (E).

6. ON ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, WE DO NOT SEE HOW ANY COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE, OR ANY RATIONALE OFFERED, UNTIL AUTHORIZATION BILL IS PASSED. IF SUBJ RAISED, WE SUGGEST THE SECRETARY SAY THAT ISSUE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED IN US GOVERNMENT UNTIL BILL IS PASSED, BUT THAT OUR MORAL COMMITMENT STILL STANDS.

7. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME READOUT IN OUR REPORTING OF PM RIFAI'S CURRENT TALKS WITH SYRIANS AND ASSAD. HE LEFT MARCH 1 FOR DAMASCUS AND IS EXPECTED BACK MARCH 4. WE HOPE TO HAVE READOUT THEREFORE PRIOR TO DATE SECRETARY'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS.

8. IN VIEW FACT SOME REFTELS BEAR HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE CAPTION, ASSUME S/S WILL APPROPRIATELY CONTROL DISTRIBUTION. PICKERING

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